

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1

COUNTRY CzechoslovakiaREPORT NO. TOPIC 1. 18th Infantry Regiment in Stribro2. School for Reconnaissance Units in SumperkEVALUATION 25X1PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT prior to 3 September 1950DATE OBTAINED 25X1DATE PREPARED 4 December 1950REFERENCES PAGES 2 25X1ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

25X1

REMARKS RETURN TO CIA
LIBRARY

25X1

18th Infantry Regiment.

25X1

1. In 1940 the 18th Inf Regt, formerly surnamed Loirsky, had been transferred from Pilsen (N 50/L 04) to Stribro (N 50/P 74). It was subordinate to a division commanded by General Patera, (fnu), in Pilsen. General Kyjovsky, (fnu), another officer with the division headquarters, occasionally inspected the billets of the 18th Infantry Regiment.
2. On 3 September 1950 the regimental headquarters and the regimental headquarters units were located in Stribro, the I Bn of the regiment in Tachov, (N 50/P 54), the II Bn in Plana (N 50/P 55), and the III Bn in Bor (N 50/P 63). The headquarters, the heavy machine gun company and the mortar company of the II Bn were located in Plana and the 6th through 8th Inf Cos in Chodova Plana.
2. Officers of the regiment included Colonel Suchomel, (fnu), regimental commander; Major Jirak, (fnu), commanding officer of I Bn and temporary commandant of the NCO school in Stribro; Staff Captain Neckl, (fnu), deputy commanding officer of I Bn; Staff Captain Dobes, (fnu), commanding officer of II Bn; Staff Captain Picek, (fnu), commanding officer of 8th Inf Co, formerly of 6th Inf Co; Staff Captain Pondelicek, (fnu), commanding officer of the machine gun company and deputy commander of II Bn; and Staff Captain Frantisek Cech, commanding officer of III Bn.
4. Directly subordinate to the regimental headquarters were the headquarters company of two 20-man reconnaissance platoons; a submachine company; a technical company with a signal platoon, a transport unit of 150 men equipped with trucks and horse-drawn vehicles, a replacement company and an NCO school. The I Bn included the 1st and 2nd Inf Cos, a heavy machine gun company, a heavy weapons company and a mortar company. The II Bn consisted of the 6th through 8th Inf Cos, a heavy machine gun company and a mortar company.
5. The heavy weapons company had guns of about 100 mm caliber. These guns had solid rubber tires and were towed by trucks. The other companies were equipped with German rifles and rifles with telescopic sights, Czech model 48-A submachine guns, Czech model 26 light machine guns, Czech model 37 heavy machine guns, and German gas masks. In the summer of 1950 personnel of the unit attended a training course with flame throwers with a range of about 20 meters. *

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1

Document No. 6Class. ☐ DeclassifiedClass. Changed To: TS S (C)

Auth.: HR 70-2

Date: 14-7-78By:

25X1

25X1

SECRET- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 25X1

6. From 3 July to 25 August 1950 the entire regiment trained at the Kaiserwald troop training grounds. The reconnaissance platoons of the regiment were exercising in a training area near Prinda (N 50/P 53) several times.

NCO School in Sumperk.

7. Prior to 30 March 1950 the NCO school in Sumperk (P 50/N 69) was subordinate to a motorized unit commanded by Colonel Blazicek, (fnu), [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] The NCO school was organized into K, P and X companies and numbered 450 to 500 trainees from various units. Officers of the school included Staff Captain Kimak, (fnu), commanding officer of K Company, and Staff Captain Prochazka, (fnu), commanding officer of X Company. The P Company was a mobile company for the training of motorized reconnaissance units.
8. The companies were equipped with German model 98-N rifles, [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] submachine guns and Czech [REDACTED] light machine guns.
9. The combat training at this school included anti-partisan warfare, the taking of prisoners, demolition service, surprise raids on enemy headquarters, etc. 25X1
The tactical training focused on combat by troops employed over a wide front. Instructions with chemical warfare agents included volatile chemical agents. Other subjects of instruction were military intelligence and various cipher systems. **

* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the regiment's disposition, organization, armament and officers is practically the same as that contained in a previous report of July 1950. [REDACTED]

** [REDACTED] Comment. The information supplements a previous report. [REDACTED] 25X1

SECRET- [REDACTED]

25X1